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10. INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING

Called Randal Teague, Administrative Assistant to Representative Jack Kemp (R., N.Y.), to confirm that Representative Kemp would be present at the briefing we have scheduled for him on PRC oil on Friday, 17 October. Teague confirmed that he would be.

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11. HEARINGS I called Dr. John Holmfeld,

on the staff of Representative Ray Thornton's (D., Ark.) Subcommittee on Domestic and International Scientific Planning and Analysis, Committee on Science and Technology, to tell him that we would be happy to provide a senior Agency representative as a witness at their hearings on technology transfers to OPEC nations provided, however, that the hearing would be in executive session and the information provided not attributable to the Agency. Dr. Holmfeld said that he had already been told by a person on Mr. Ed Proctor's (DDI) staff that either Mr. Proctor or Mr. Paul Walsh (A/DDI) would appear and that the Subcommittee was delighted that we could provide a witness. He was somewhat disappointed, however, that we did not want the hearing to be open. He said that they had few witnesses who could contribute to the hearings and had hoped that an Agency witness could start the hearings and set the overall picture of the situation. He asked whether an executive session record could be later sanitized for release. I told him that this would be something we would have to consider after the hearings. He said he would discuss the matter with Chairman Thornton on his return 20 October and get back to us. He said when they originally discussed having an Agency witness they decided to ask for an open hearing thinking that this might be a plus for the Agency. I pointed out to him that if we had to go open the heart of our presentation would have to be cut out because of sources and methods, classification, sensitive political issues and the fact that it could cause problems with friendly countries. I also pointed out that responses to questions would be considerably limited. The hearing will be held in Room 2325 of the Rayburn Building and the Agency witness will be scheduled for 9:30 or 10:00 a.m., 28 October. OCI, has been advised.

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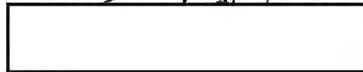
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This is in response to your letter of 25 September 1975. Just let me say that I have not been able to locate any corroborating information on the "Zinoviev letter." I should add that I have not done too much research on this matter because of the lack of time. Secondly, please be advised the U.S. Secretary of Defense's positive statement this year contains a good wrap-up of the military forces of the USSR and the People's Republic of China. Also, CIA Director's testimony before the Joint Economic Committee of Congress contains a rundown of the relative strengths of the two countries. The latter will be going to the printers very soon and both will be available at the Government Printing Office. If you have any trouble getting these reports, please let me know.

Thank you for your nice words on my presentation to the Congressional interns.

Sincerely,

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